

**BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
South Public Works Conference Room
8th Floor, City Hall
Monday, January 12, 2009
3:30 p.m.**

Present: Janet Miller, Tom Roth, Bryan Frye, John Stevens, Andy Solter

Absent: Glen Dey, Matt Goolsby

Also Present: Doug Kupper, Director, Park and Recreation; Karen Walker, Assistant Director, Park and Recreation; Joe Lang, City Attorney; Lee Ann Sack, Kathy Benninga, Don Harrison, Jennea Noel, Cliff Fanning, staff.

President Miller called the meeting to order at approximately 3:30 p.m.

PUBLIC AGENDA

No Items.

REGULAR AGENDA

Item 1: Approval of Minutes

Several typographical changes were made to the December minutes and two lines were deleted by Solter. Changes will be made and a new draft sent out to Park Board members. They will be presented at the February meeting for approval.

Item 2: Naming of new park at 33rd/Jackson

Miller reported that Habitat for Humanity had a dedication ceremony for the park and they had made a recommendation to name the park, Edgebrook Community Park. Kupper reported the family of the donated land recommended the name. It is not related to a family name, only family wishes. It is not a name associated with the development and no other park in Wichita, current or past, has this name. The park is surrounded by the sub-division.

On a motion by Miller, second Frye, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY VOTED to recommend to City Council they accept naming the park at 33rd/Jackson, Edgebrook Community Park.

A motion was made by Frye, second by Roth, to amend the agenda placing item 3B ahead of item 3A. The motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Item 3B: Trail Markers

Richard Schodorf, 2330 N. Valleyview, Wichita, 67205, presented maps and detail of pathway distance and directional markers.

1. Markers will connect Sedgwick County Park to Watson Park along the river.
2. Trails will be created downtown along the river (2 mile and 4 mile)
3. Three trails through downtown (2 miles each)
 - Waterwalk by the arena
 - Douglas through Oldtown
 - City hall through Riverside

Signs downtown will be 3D and placed at eye level on existing poles with prior approval from design council. Target completion date for downtown trails is before RiverFest 2009. K-96, Swanson Park and Pawnee Prairie trails were also mapped. Quotes for trails will be submitted at a later date.

Schodorf will review final document before it is submitted to the City Council.

Motion by Frye, second Miller, recommending to the City Council they approve the concept and placement of markers and accept the donation of cost and installation of trail markers. The motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Item 3A: Country Acres 3rd Edition, site A & C/Clear Lake Development

Miller excused herself from item 3A, citing conflict of interest. The meeting was temporarily turned over to Bryan Frye, Vice President, Board of Park Commissioners.

Joe Lang, City Attorney, presented a new document for Clear Lake Development with legal changes stating the land is deeded to the city, and not the Park Board. Frye stated language changes which clarified use of property, ownership and description of land. Tim Austin, Poe and Associates, and Jay Maxwell, SouthFork Investment, showed a map of the tracks that will be used for the project. Austin asked Lang if the Hoskinson track was being used for the path, or should the referral be removed from the document. Lang stated he would remove Hoskinson from the document. Austin suggested where a better description was needed, that "in accordance with community unit plan approved by MAPC" be added. Austin spoke in support of the presented document which will allow construction of a bike path connecting Sedgwick County Park with the West Branch YMCA, 6940 W. Newell.

Kupper stated the area being considered is approximately six acres. Kupper and Frye supported the document to exchange the six acres to the city for easement for installation of the bike path.

A motion was made by Frye, second Solter, that Doug Kupper, Director, Park and Recreation and Joe Lang, City Attorney, will finalize language in the document and then present to the City Council. The motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED, with Miller abstaining.

The meeting was returned to Miller, President, Board of Park Commissioners.

Item 3C: MacDonald Golf Course Easement Agreement

A Memorandum of Understanding was presented to accomplish re-landscaping and installation of a wrought iron fence with concrete pillars at Roosevelt/13th, McDonald Golf Course Entrance, which will be celebrating their 100th year in 2009.

Stevens objected to “as part of the road project” in the document since there was a trade of property for the fence enhancement. Kupper stated it was intended to mean the fence will be put in at the same time as the road project. The fence is intended to be installed before the road project begins.

Stevens asked if the specifications of the fence had been reviewed. Kupper stated he had reviewed them and they were accurate, even specifying a steel fence instead of aluminum.

A Motion was made by Stevens, second Solter, to remove “as part of road project” from the document and to remove “if so desired”, fix a typographical error and then authorize signatures. Motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Roth asked if anything else was needed to complete the fencing in that area. Kupper stated he was trying to put this on the CIP agenda for funding. It will be stated as a General Obligation.

Miller would like the documents final version be put on Park Board’s February agenda.

Item 4: Review of Pending Issues

The Deed will need to be put on the City Council Agenda.

Miller will continue to track all agendas for the spreadsheet.

Item 5: Updates from the Director and President

Kupper asked if a date for the Spring Retreat setting 2009 Goals and Objectives should be discussed. Miller asked for this to be put on the February Agenda.

Kupper stated there has been a second reading of the PROS plan and it has been approved and adopted by the City Council. Sedgwick County Commissioners have also had their second reading and the PROS plan will now be part of the comprehensive plan.

In keeping with the PROS plan, Kupper and Walker are working on a re-organizational structure for the department. This will hopefully be completed when the new city manager starts February 2. Visiting are Cliff Fanning, Linwood Recreational Center and Jennea Noel, Osage Recreational Center, two of the directors of the three facilities Larry Foos has chosen for the process of creating neighborhood councils to assist in planning the future of their recreational facility. They are here to learn about the Park Board so they can organize their neighborhood council along the same structure.

Kupper will meet with Robert Layton, the new city manager, on February 13. He plans on detailing the PROS plan to him.

Frye asked about the vandalism at Veterans Park and Korean War Memorial. Kupper stated quotes were being received by Public Works, but the Veterans Organizations should be making the repairs. Kupper is working with Public Works on this issue.

Item 6: Issues on the Horizons

Roth explained the April 13 meeting was the day after Easter. Discussion was made about moving the meeting date.

A motion was made by Roth, second by Frye, to Move the April 13 meeting date to April 20. Motion was UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

Kupper reports there will be several park dedications coming soon. The new park at 55th and Hydraulic will need to be named; the playground is being installed now. Construction of the Alice Wall Memorial Park on land donated by Billy Gray, 4506 S. Doris, will start on January 19. Chapin Park, 3800 S. Hydraulic, construction bids will be going out soon.

Item 7: Adjourn

There being no other business, Miller adjourned the meeting at approximately 4:50 p.m.

Janet L. Miller, President

ATTEST:

Lee Ann Sack, Recording Secretary